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In Re Patent Application of:
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Title: COMBINATORIAL PROBES AND USES THEREFOR

AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2004. This response is being timely submitted in view of the simultaneous submission of a three-month Petition for Extension of Time to and including January 3, 2005 (January 2nd being a Sunday), and including payment of fees.

Please amend the above-identified application, without prejudice, as follows: